

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

May 25, 2008

10:00 a.m.

*Let the first note of the prelude be a call for
personal meditation in preparation for worship.*

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

Celtic Prayer

Gary Brubaker

VOTUM

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This day marks the beginning of the “ordinary season” in the church, the Sundays after Pentecost. It is a season with few festivals, and it draws us to the teachings of Jesus rather than the events in Jesus’ life. It is a time for teaching and learning.

We are ready to listen to the words of Jesus, our rabbi.

“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth,” says Jesus (Matt. 6:24).

He speaks to our times. He speaks to our souls.

In his “sermon on the mount” Jesus tells us not to worry. “Look at the birds of the air” who don’t work but God feeds them. “Consider the lilies of the field” who don’t work and God clothes them. We who worry too much are “of little faith.”

We work, and we worry. He speaks to our souls.

Jesus lends urgency to our discipleship when he tells us to, “Strive first for the dominion of God” and all these other things like food and drink and clothing will be given as well.

We don’t want to worry. We want to trust providence. We want to seek God’s dominion first. God help us! Amen.

SALUTATION

+*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 262

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

Tune: NATIONAL HYMN

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*in unison*)

Lord Jesus Christ, like the crowds on the mountain who sought after your wisdom and guidance, we want to be schooled by you. Your words are read, and you are here speaking to us. Help us leave behind our cares and concerns. Help us to quiet our minds and still our souls that we may be open vessels prepared to be filled by you. Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Teach us to walk as your disciples. Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(congregation may exchange the Peace)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

**Loving God, you are so tender with us—
so steadfast.**

**In your presence we may be calm and quiet
like a child with its mother, like a nursing baby.**

How we long for such peace and comfort!

We worry about many things:

how to provide for those we love,

how to spend our limited time,

how to seem capable and right in a world that

from this time on and forevermore.

*RESPONSE *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 333
Seek Ye First

Tune: LAFFERTY

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AND SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Ebenezer

Lani Smith

ANTHEM

G.F. Handel, arr. by Max Spicker

Trust in the Lord, His name we ever bless.
In grief and happiness, with one accord.
He orders all our ways, to Him ascend our lays
In praise and prayer:
Until our journey's end, O Lord our souls defend
With watchful care.
Trust in the Lord.

*DOXOLOGY *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 592

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Hymns, Psalms, & Spiritual Songs* 561

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Tune: AMERICA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God of Our Fathers

James Mansfield

+Latecomers will be seated.

*Those who are able may stand.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Kent Fry, preaching; Rev. Kama Jongerius, liturgist; Norm Japinga, prayer for illumination; Lorene Duin, minute for mission; Handbell Choir; Combined Choirs; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.

TODAY

We welcome all who worship with us and ask visitors and members to sign the Friendship Folders so that we may get to know one another.

Please join us in the Gathering Place for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

NAMETAGS: Help the Frys get to know you by wearing a nametag today.

The flowers at the chancel today are given in memory of Bill and Nell Wichers by their family, near and far.

FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and others, George and Katherine Hunsberger will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer following the service (located in the south hallway on the main level).

ASSISTING TODAY: Greeters – Roger and Janet De Young, Tom and Barb Piaget, Duane and P.J. Booi; Ushers – Chris, Lorna, Simon, and Justis Cook; Deacons – Kim McDonough, Steve Bulthuis, John Ruiter, Jon Rietberg, Rick Frens; Refreshment Servers – Rich and Marcia Bishop.

CHILD CARE is available in the nurseries during the worship service. Attendants: Susie Vander Kolk, Andy Zoerman, Greg and Amanda Dykhouse.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Children 4 years through 2nd grade will be ushered from the sanctuary during the worship service to continue worship in the Worship Centers on the lower level.

YOUNG DISCIPLES, for children 3rd-5th grades, will meet during the service.

VESPER SERVICE
6:00 p.m. in the chapel

“Today's Christian in Bethlehem”

Worship Leader: Rev. George Awad, father of Habeeb Awad

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

6:00 p.m. Vesper Service

MONDAY

Church Office closed

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:30 p.m. Women's Softball Game at East Saugatuck

WEDNESDAY

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study

8:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayers

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Assembly

SATURDAY

2:00 p.m. Women's Ministries Garden Tea Party

PERSONAL

Share your prayer concerns by using the prayer request cards found in the Friendship Folders. Place the requests in the offering plate or prayer box at the back of the sanctuary. Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.

SYMPATHY is extended to Gayle and Paula Wilson in the death of their sister-in-law.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: Holland Hospital – John Hesselink. Max De Pree is at The Inn. Mark Ver Hulst has returned home from the hospital. Jo Rediger is under Hospice care. Hospice House – Lois Van Oosterhout. Lakeside Vista – Bob Brinks, Don Ihrman, Rosey Maatman; Heartland of Holland – Elizabeth Bennett, Bernice Lievens. In the Military – Mark South, Christine Loman, David Mummert, Tom Piaget.

GENERAL ITEMS

Pastor Kent is living at the parsonage from Sunday night to Thursday evening before returning to Grand Rapids for a day off. The Frys will be moving their belongings to Holland June 12- 14. The

telephone number at the parsonage is 298-2320. His e-mail is kent.fry@trcholland.org. Following the worship service coffee and juice will be served in the Fellowship Hall so that everyone can view the banners that have been hung there this week, and participate in the brief Litany of Dedication. The banners were designed and crafted by artist Susan Van Kuiken of California who also made the banners which hang in our sanctuary and in the Gathering Place. Today the banners are being dedicated to God's glory by the family and the Women's Ministries honoring their sister in Christ, Carol Gargano, whose memorial gifts a year ago made this project possible.

Everyone is invited to attend the Installation Service of Kent Fry on Sunday June 1 at 4:00 p.m. For those needing transportation there will be bus pick up at 3:30 p.m. from Warm Friend and from Freedom Village at 3:40 p.m. Nursery care will be available. There will be a reception following the service.

INQUIRER'S CLASS: A three week Inquirer's Class will begin Sunday, June 8 at **11:20-12:10 in the library**. This will be a series of informational sessions for persons interested in learning more about Third Reformed Church and possible membership. We will review the basic history and teachings of the Reformed church, the particular history, organization, and mission of Third Reformed Church, and the procedures for persons becoming members. If you would like to participate in these sessions led by Kent Fry and John Nordstrom, it would be helpful to them if you inform the secretary in the church office, 392-1459 or trc@macatawa.org, so they can prepare enough materials for everyone.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: All women of Third Reformed Church are invited to the Women's Ministries Tea on Saturday, May 31 at 2:00 p.m. Several members will speak about a favorite personal object that represents a special blessing in their lives. Our own young people will provide musical treats during the tea-time. There is no fee for the tea, but you are asked to give your name to your circle chair or the church office, 392-1459, to assist the planning committee.

Sign up begins today for the Blood Drive on Monday, June 2, 12:00-6:00 p.m. If you would be willing to bring cookies or bars for the blood drive please pick up a container at the table in the Gathering Place.

General Synod of the Reformed Church of America is meeting at Hope College June 5 through 10. We, in western Michigan, have the opportunity to share our smiling faces, welcoming spirit, common faith, and helping hands with delegates arriving from across the United States and Canada, as well as with international guests of the General Synod. There are several ways volunteers can help. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the church office, 392-1459.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: There is a table in the Gathering Place for Middle Schoolers to sign up for the Camping Retreat in Muskegon June 6-8.

NEWLY ELECTED Elders and Deacons will be ordained and installed on Sunday, June 8. Elected were: Program Elder – Jerry Bakker, John Lunn, Cal Rynbrandt; Parish Elder – Betty Balk, Alan Beagley, Marilyn Brown, Carol Cox, Jane Dykstra, Martin Keller, Elly Muiderman, Lucille Schroeder, Ruby Steketee, Tom Ter Haar, Peg Van Grouw; Deacons – Jon Bechtel, Jim Hensley, Andy Mulder, Jim Vander Meer, Scott Wolterink.

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William Unzicker*

Delores Bechtel*

Minister of Music
 Director of Children's Ministries
 Youth Director
 Young Disciples Director
 Seminary Interns
 Children's Choir Director
 Secretaries
 Custodian
 Kitchen Coordinator
 Treasurer/Interim Administrator
 Recording Treasurer
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 *indicates part time staff

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 Martha Amaro, Monterrey, Mexico
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 for Mexico and Venezuela
 Ruth Estell, China
 Linn Gann, India
 IRM Community Development, Mozambique
 Wayne and Miho Jansen, Japan
 Rowland, Jr. and Jane Van Es, Kenya
 Nakajima/Ministry with Japanese People

THE CONSISTORY

PROGRAM ELDERS

Irwin Brink
 Lorna Cook
 Deb DuMez
 Greg Dykhouse

Mark Hiskes
 Kristen Johnson
 John Nordstrom
 Ed Stielstra

PARISH ELDERS

Kathy Miedema (1)
 Eleanor Van Dyke (2)
 Charles Hunt (3)
 Marilyn Norman (4)
 Sarah Unzicker (5)
 Katherine Hunsberger (6)
 Anna Ritsema (7)
 Sherrill Ball (8)
 Jan Benningfield (9)
 Mike Van Doornik (10)
 Roger Rietberg (11)
 Wayne Westenbroek (12)

Lynne Caskey (13)
 Milly Ten Brink (14)
 Bill Doezema (15)
 Scott Millen (16)
 Jeff Maatman (17)
 John Hoekstra (18)
 Elaine Tanis (19)
 (20)
 Phyllis Brown (21)
 Barb Moreau (22)
 Lucille Schroeder (23)
 Kate Bolt (24)

DEACONS

Karin Ashcroft
 Habeeb Awad
 Jeff Beird
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 Steve Bulhuis

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 Jay Mosterd
 Jon Rietberg
 John Ruiter
 Bekah Schipper

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